



Welcome to Arlington!

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Here is how to get your trash, recycling and yard waste collected at the curb.

Please review the annually produced **Zero Waste Guide** for the details of our program, including the dates when collection is delayed as well as when our seasonal programs begin and end.

Residents supply their own trash and recycling equipment.

Recycling is weekly and mandatory, which means if you do not have a recycling bin next to your trash (full or empty, depending on which collection truck comes to your location first) then your trash will be left behind and considered out of compliance with the program rules.

Please refer to the guide and **only place acceptable items in the recycling**. When in doubt, throw it out.

We have a **100 gallon trash limit** per household, per week. You may also place one bulky trash item, such as a chair, sofa, dresser or bookshelf, with a limit of one per week. A mattress and box spring set is considered one bulky trash item.

Trash, recycling and yard waste cannot be placed out before 6 pm the day before your regularly scheduled collection day. **Be sure to place it out by 7 am on your collection day**. If you do not, and the truck already completes your section of the route, it will not return to collect your material that week.

Unacceptable Material: Unacceptable trash or recycling materials (by rule or by state law) are listed in the *Zero Waste Guide* and will be left behind by the hauling company. It is the resident's responsibility to know where items belong. If any material is rejected at the curb due to non-compliance with our program rules, the resident must remove that waste from the curb by 9 pm the day after collection, or be subject to a fine by the Health Department. **Look for colorful non-compliance stickers to help understand what mistakes were made.**

If your material was left behind by accident, call **JRM Recycling and Hauling customer service department at 800-323-4285** and leave a message with a description of what was left. In these cases you will not receive a return call, but the hauling company will return the following day to collect the material, assuming it is in compliance with the program rules.

Equipment: We recommend barrels that are 32 gallons, because most residents find one is enough for most weeks. A second barrel or a 32 gallon trash bag next to your barrel(s) is acceptable for occasional larger disposal. 50 gallon containers are acceptable, but note you may only place out two in order to reach your 100 gallon limit. 64 gallon containers are not acceptable for trash.

There is a **50 lbs. weight limit for each container**, including trash, recycling or yard waste containers.

Yard waste is collected at the curb seasonally. The *Zero Waste Guide* contains a calendar that will keep you updated about delays in schedule as well as seasonal collection start and stop dates.

Zero Waste Guides are sent to all residents in late June. If you do not receive one, you may pick one up at Public Works (51 Grove Street) or Town Hall (730 Mass. Ave.) and are online at arlingtonma.gov/recycle.

Public Works office hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Thursday evenings until 7:00 PM. Call 781-316-3108 for more information, or post a web request through the Request Answer Center at www.arlingtonma.gov

